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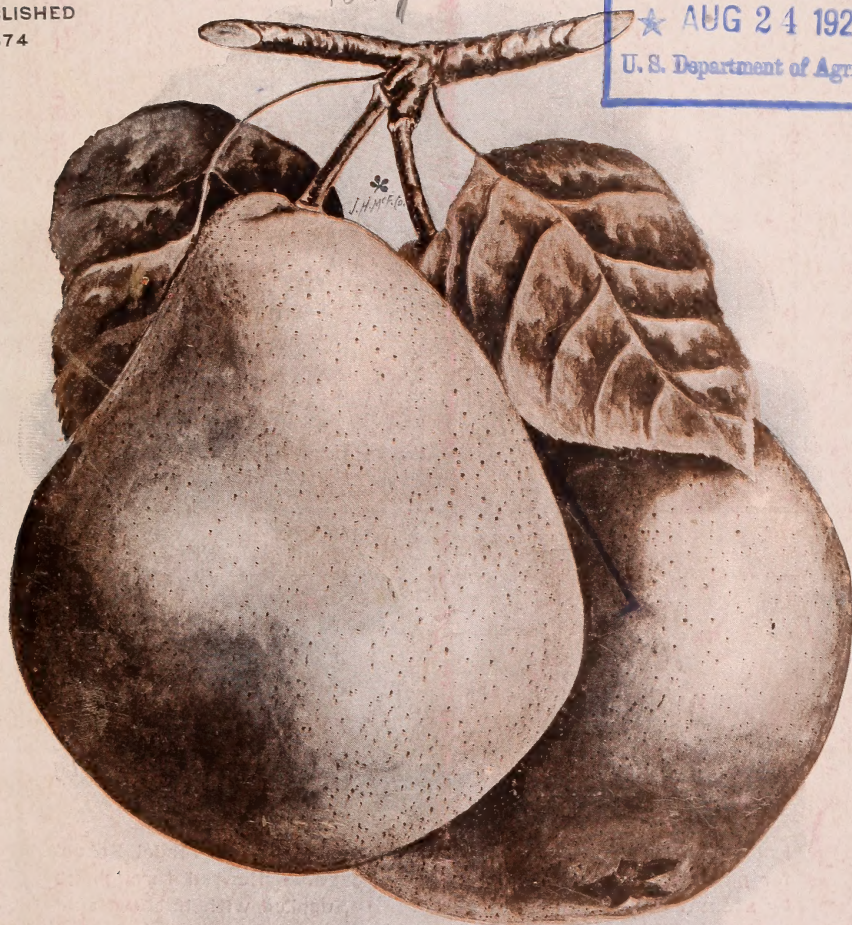
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**JOHN S. KERR**

**SHERMAN, TEXAS**





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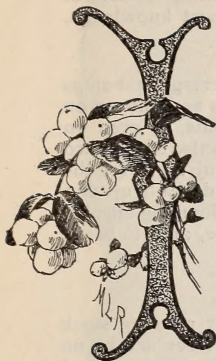
A. Q. NASH  
PRESIDENT

SHERMAN, TEXAS



# ♥ ♥ GREETING ♥ ♥

## ONWARD AND UPWARD IS OUR AIM.



am glad to report substantial and very gratifying progress in our life work, and take special pleasure in again presenting my revised Catalogue of the most valuable Trees, Vines, Plants and Flowers. This will acquaint you, as it were, with the various members of our nursery fraternity, for the horticulturist acquires a real friendship for the productions of his studious care and painstaking efforts. I cordially tender them to go out among our patrons and friends, believing that a mutual benefit will result to all three parties—the trees, the purchaser and the seller.

Grateful for the liberal and increasing patronage of the last TWENTY-THREE YEARS AND MORE of our nursery business, both during the partnership of A. W. & J. S. Kerr, and since my purchase of the entire business in 1889, I will use every effort to merit its continuance. It is my earnest desire to give entire satisfaction and full values.

## FACILITIES.

My office and packing grounds are in Northeast Sherman, three blocks from the electric cars, corner Broughton street and Denison avenue, and one-half to three-fourths of a mile from the offices of four lines of railroads, viz: Texas & Pacific, H. & T. Central, M. K. T., and the Cotton Belt. Well's Fargo, American and Pacific express companies give us quick and safe transportation at competitive rates. I give my undivided attention to the business, and have secured important advantages of improved methods and machinery, skilled labor, rich soils, well stocked test orchards, and an abundance of artesian water from the city water-works throughout packing grounds, the latter a most important item in the safe handling of trees and plants. Nothing is allowed to want for water. I have the Bell telephone (No. 28½), connecting me with two telegraph companies, putting me on speaking terms with this part of the world.

WE WILL DELIVER by express or freight, charges prepaid, to any railroad town in Texas or Indian Territory, all orders for Trees and Plants amounting to \$5 or more. To receive this advantage, CASH must accompany the order. See price-list, on pages 27 and 28.

## MY RESPONSIBILITY.

I use every precaution to have all the stock true to name and labeled with the true name, and it is hereby distinctly agreed between me and my customers that where my goods fail by any reason to come up to specifications, I am only to be held liable to replace the goods or refund the money originally paid for the same.

Dealers purchasing from me, whose orders I fill with all due care, sell upon their own responsibility. I also disclaim liability for losses arising from defective planting or subsequent faulty cultivation and treatment. A continuation by the purchaser of the careful handling and earnest effort that I have given the stock up to the time of its leaving my hands will ordinarily leave no room for losses or complaints. I cheerfully correct errors, and where losses do occur after due care, I deal liberally in refilling.

Thousands of bearing orchards and pleased customers throughout the country, and our reputation gained in long years of business experience, are my guaranties to my customers for genuineness and high quality of stock and honorable dealing. I also refer, by permission, to the Merchants' and Planters' National Bank, of Sherman.

## THE BEST NONE TOO GOOD FOR MY CUSTOMERS.

Among newer varieties proving to be equal or superior to any heretofore known are: Peaches—Sneed, Triumph, Carman, Mamie Ross, Lee, Family Favorite, Bessie Kerr, Caruth. Plums—Red May, Arkansas Lombard, Golden Beauty, Botan, Hale, Normand, and a host of other good sorts. Apples—Arkansas Black, Black Twig, Bledsoe, Shirley, Mrs. Bryan. Pears—Alamo, Kieffer, Garber, and many other varieties.

I am securing and testing the best new fruits, some of them at a heavy cost, in order to catalogue only the best to be had in variety, growth, and healthfulness of stock.



### THERE IS MONEY, COMFORT AND LUXURY IN IT.

This Catalogue embodies the results of much thought, research, care and labor. Please do not throw it away, but preserve it for future reference. I have briefly included a good selection of the best varieties for Texas and the Southwest, deeming it best not to tax you with long descriptions. This is a day of specialties and of expert knowledge.

### TALK IT OVER.

We are progressive beings; this is a progressive age. When considering what steps of advancement you will make, is it well to lavish all your care, ambition and money on fine houses, fine clothing and appointments, fine machinery and turnouts, or even on education, books, or culture—good as all these are? Consider the claims also of outward home adornments. Health and luxury call for the improved, successful fruits for the orchard, with care and pruning of the older trees. The lawn should be dressed up and replenished, with here and there a choice shade tree added, a clump of blooming shrubs, a bed of everblooming roses, the brightest phlox, verbenas and the like, and, to break the monotony of winter, dot in here and there a clump of evergreens.

### A GREAT MYSTERY.

Seventy-five thousand dollars cash go out of Texas annually for nursery stock brought in by men representing northern and eastern nurseries. These trees are by no means equal to those produced by our own native nurserymen, who have studied and know, and are able best to supply our needs with stock as good as the world produces. And stranger still, the prices paid for this foreign stock are fabulously high. Why not spend the half of this immense sum for native-grown stock, and get many times more benefit?

### A WASH FOR TREES.

Boil tobacco to a strong ooze, add one-fourth pound of ground sulphur, two tablespoonfuls of crude carbolic acid, and one-half pound of soap to the gallon of ooze. Add lime until it becomes of the consistency of buttermilk; apply with a brush in November and January to prevent depredations of rabbits, and in March and April to prevent attacks of borers and other bark insects. For directions and pumps for spraying, write to JOHN SAUL, Quincy, Ill.

### DIRECTIONS FOR PLANTING.

Keep the roots moist and cool. Do not expose them to cold or drying winds or sun at any time. Set out at once, in deeply pulverized soil in good condition for corn or cotton. Holes must be ample, to allow all roots a free and natural position, 1 inch deeper than in nursery; set pears and apples 5 inches. Lean to south, use fine soil, water freely about roots, and pack; mound up with loose earth 6 inches high by 3 feet across around the tree. Distances: Trees, 20 x 20 ft.; Grapes, 8 x 8 ft.; Raspberries and Blackberries, rows 7 feet apart, plants 2 ft. apart in rows. Take off all tags; cut back tops and all limbs one-third when set; head 2½ feet high. Protect from rabbits by wrapping; four barbed wires will secure against stock. Cultivate the orchard and all trees well.

### Number of Trees or Plants on an Acre at Given Distances Apart.

Distances apart each way	No. of Plants	Distances apart each way	No. of Plants	Distances apart each way	No. of Plants
1 foot . . . . .	43,560	8 feet . . . . .	680	16 feet . . . . .	170
2 feet . . . . .	10,890	9 " . . . . .	537	18 " . . . . .	134
3 " . . . . .	4,840	10 " . . . . .	435	20 " . . . . .	108
4 " . . . . .	2,722	12 " . . . . .	302	25 " . . . . .	69
5 " . . . . .	1,742	14 " . . . . .	222	30 " . . . . .	48
6 " . . . . .	1,210	15 " . . . . .	193	35 " . . . . .	38
7 " . . . . .	888			40 " . . . . .	27

### FOR FULLER HORTICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE,

Write to A. T. De LaMare Publishing Co., 2 to 8 Duane street, New York, for their free catalogue of "Books for Farmers, Fruit-growers and Florists," pertaining to every department of culture. The book "How to Plant a Place," for 20 cts., is very valuable.

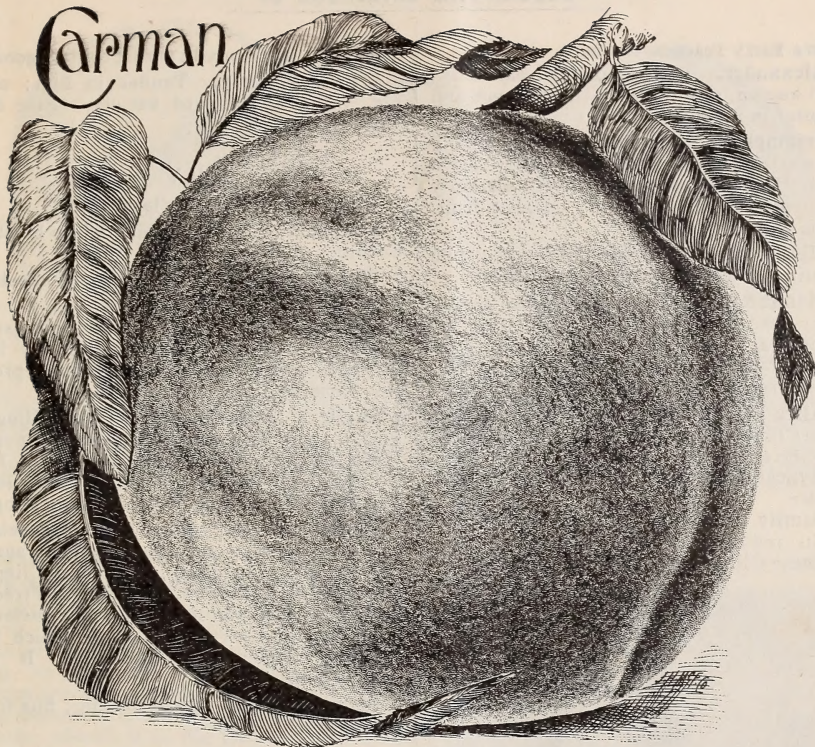
Every farmer, fruit grower and gardener should read the *Texas Farm and Ranch*, Dallas, Texas, weekly, \$1 per year, and the *Horticultural Gleaner*, Austin, Texas, 50 cents a year. They are rich in cultural experience and knowledge of successful southern culturists. Dignify your calling in the minds of yourself and children by placing continually before them the advanced thought and methods outlined in these and similar journals, and thus "keep up with the march of progress."

Yours for success,

**JOHN S. KERR, Sherman, Texas.**



Carman



## Fruit Department.

### PEACHES.

The Peach succeeds well on nearly all our varied soils, but prefers a well-drained, sandy loam. Plant the best. Together with the new Chinese cling seedlings and some other fine varieties originating in Texas, we are now able to offer a fine list of Peaches. In making my selections, I do so to the best of my judgment, the result of more than 20 years' experience in growing fruits for home and for market. The times of ripening, given in succession, are only approximate, and are not accurate, as seasons and localities vary.

#### EXTRA EARLY.

✓ **The Sneed.** New. Originated at Memphis, Tenn. White, with blush; semi-cling. It is better than and ripens 5 to 10 days before Alexander. Of fine size and appearance. Tree resembles Chinese Cling, of which it is a seedling.

✓ **CARMAN.** The best I consider none too good, hence at a large cost I secured of the originators, J. & J. W. Stubenrauch, of Mexia, Tex., this **Great Texas Seedling Peach.** Think of an Elberta in size, appearance and quality, ripening in season with Early Rivers, or 12 days after Alexander. Practically frost, rot, and curculio proof, vigorous, prolific, of finest appearance and flavor, with ability to carry in good order from Texas to New York. Such is the **Carman.** Having secured this new Peach from the originators, I am propagating a large stock of it to offer to our customers. Price, 2 to 4 feet, 50 cts. each, \$25 per 100; 4 to 5 feet, \$1 each, \$35 per 100.

San José Scale, Yellows and other such diseases unknown here.



**Extra Early Peaches, continued.**

✓ **Alexander.** The standard of earliness; well-known, prolific, sure; handsome and regular in form.

✓ **Triumph.\*** Large yellow freestone, mostly covered with red; most attractive extra early Peach yet produced. Will certainly become very popular as a market fruit. Ripe with Alexander.

✓ **Miss Lolo.** A perfect freestone; fine quality; bluish, white flesh; prolific.

✓ **Mamie Ross.** Originated at Dallas, Texas. Very large; bluish, white flesh; prolific, semi-cling; fine market sort; has been shipped to Chicago and New York, and there pronounced "the best."

✓ **Alice Haupt.** A Texas seedling of Chinese Cling. Large, creamy, white-fleshed; prolific and sure.

✓ **Hynes' Surprise.** Free, like Hale's; better.

✓ **Family Favorite.** Prolific and sure; white, red cheek; free; fine flavor. From Chinese Cling. Deservingly popular.



LITTLE BESSIE KERR.  
(Ready for school.)

✓ **Mrs. Brett.** Round; sure, prolific; good.

✓ **Crawford Early.** Tender in bud; an old, valuable standard variety. Fine in West Texas.

## JULY.

✓ **Foster.** Yellow, free, large; shy.

✓ **Gen. Lee.** Cling; prolific; white bluish. Seedling of Chinese Cling; fine.

✓ **Oldmixon Free.** White flesh, red cheek; sure, good.

✓ **Chinese Cling.** Well-known; largest; cream, oblong. Being superseded by its valuable seedlings, crossed with more prolific varieties.

✓ **Shipler.\*** A seedling of Chinese Cling; yellow; supposed cross between Chinese Cling and Crawford, produced by A. L. Shipler, of Denison, Texas. Valuable; resembles the Elberta, except being a cling.

✓ **Elberta.** Large; yellow, with red cheek; juicy and high flavored; flesh yellow; sure and prolific. Seedling of Chinese Cling. Immense orchards of 20,000 to 80,000 trees each are being planted of this one variety for shipping to northern markets, which is sufficient evidence of its value. It is unsurpassed.

✓ **Oldmixon Cling.** Sure, prolific; fine for all purposes.

## AUGUST.

✓ **Stump the World.** Large, white; bluish; white flesh; fine for home and market.

✓ **Bequett's Free.** Very large, free; red cheek; prolific; crossed with Chinese Cling.

✓ **Sylphide.** Cling; seedling of Chinese Cling; valuable.

✓ **Lemon Cling.** Large, lemon-shaped; yellow; excellent for table and market.

✓ **Columbia.** Hardy, sure; yellow; free; half Indian.

✓ **Crosby, or Frost-Proof.\*** New. Claimed by J. H. Hale, of Georgia, the originator, to be the surest and best in quality of any Peach grown. Yellow, red cheeked; free; fine shipper; withstands late frosts.

✓ **BESSIE KERR.\*** Large size; oblong; cling; white, with bluish; attractive; prolific and sure; has seldom failed to bear heavy crops for 20 years; a late and hardy bloomer; tree vigorous, upright, evidently of the Chinese Cling family. We are glad to report that like "Our Bessie," for whom it was named, this Peach is growing in interest, sweetness and favor.

✓ **Flewellen.** Half Indian; cling; dark, downy; flesh striped, juicy, acid, refreshing.

✓ **Globe.** Large, round, yellow, free.

Try Carman, Triumph, Elberta and Bessie Kerr; the 4 for \$1.50.





NEW EVERBEARING PEACH.

## August Peaches—continued.

**✓EVERBEARING.** Of this most remarkable Peach we have secured stock from Mr. P. J. Berckmans, of Georgia, one of the highest authorities on pomology in America. This stock we will propagate and offer to our customers, feeling assured that Mr. Berckmans has, as he states, offered it to the public only after being convinced of its merits. He claims that the first ripening begins about July 1, and that successive crops are produced until September 15. Fruit in all stages of development, ripe and half grown, may be seen upon the tree at one time. As the tree blossoms during a long time, a complete failure of fruit has never happened since the original tree began to bear 8 years ago. The fruit is creamy white, mottled and striped with light purple and pink veins; oblong, tapering, of good quality; freestone of the Indian type. The first ripenings are of good size, becoming smaller towards the close of the season. Invaluable for family use or small gardens. First trees to offer, fall of 1898, will be 1-year, 2 to 4 ft., any size, \$1 each.

## SEPTEMBER.

✓ **Heath Cling.** Very large; creamy white; flesh pure white; fine canning and market Peach.

✓ **Ringgold Cling.** Similar, but superior to its parent, Heath Cling.

✓ **Picquett's Late.** Very large; yellow, red cheek; free; prolific.

✓ **Salway.** Like Picquett's; a better bearer.

✓ **Wonderful.** Very large; deep yellow, with blush; firm; good.

✓ **Henrietta, or Levy's Late.** A splendid yellow cling; sure.

✓ **Barnes.** A fine late yellow cling, of Indian type, from Barnes Parker, Bell county, Texas.

## OCTOBER PEACHES.

✓ **Caruth's Late.\*** Introduced and thoroughly tested by us. Bright yellow skin and flesh; free; most prolific and sure; often needs thinning to maintain good size; most popular where known.

✓ **Nix's Late.** Round; white, with blush; cling; sure.

✓ **November, or Late Heath.** A Texas seedling of Heath Cling, similar and equal to its parent, but about six weeks later. A most valuable family and market Peach, introduced by us.

✓ **Red Wood.\*** Very large, late, cling; white, with dull blush; prolific and sure. One of the best late Peaches for this section. Local.

**Double White and Double Pink Flowering Peaches.** Very effective and beautiful while laden with their immense, showy, rose-like flowers.

**Pyramidal.** Upright, vigorous, ornamental.

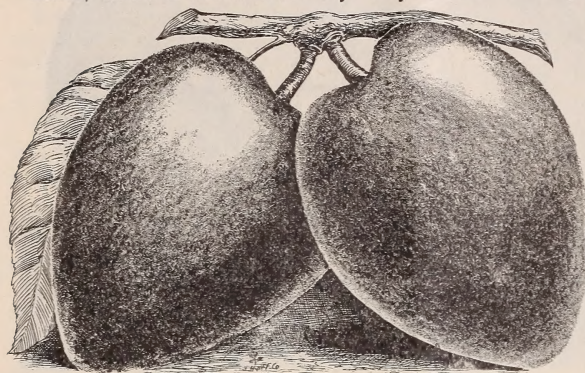
✓ I also have a limited supply of Summer Snow, Pansy Pabor, Admirable Free, Silver Medal, Chilow, Greensboro, Palmerston, Stinson's October, Knight, Texas King, Thurber, Ray and Brandywine.

✓ For explanation of the starred (\*) varieties, see Price-List, on pages 27 and 28.



# PLUMS.

Nearly all Plums should be picked when they begin coloring, and ripened in the house, where in two or three days they will take on bright color, with the best results in quality. Left on the trees to ripen, the fruit drops. This gradual ripening is favorable to shipping to distant markets.



RED MAY PLUM.

This list comprises the very best of a large number of varieties, covering a succession of ripening from May to September. The Japan Plums are wonderful in size, appearance and productiveness. A grand acquisition.

**RED MAY.** The earliest fine large Japan Plum in the world. It originated in this county from seed of Botan or Abundance, fertilized by Wild Goose. The fruit is larger than that of

Wild Goose, oblong, pointed, covered all over with deep red; very similar to Red June in size, color and shape, but 5 to 10 days earlier, more prolific, and the tree is much more vigorous, according to fair tests in 1896 and '97; resembling Botan in growth; blooms rather late, between Botan and Ogon, hence the crop is sure; ripens here from May 25 to June 10. We have long felt the need of a vigorous, easily propagated extra-early Plum, of fine, large, showy fruit, fine color, and adapted to shipping. This the Red May fills completely. Recognizing the great value of this, the earliest large, vigorous Japan Plum in existence, some leading nurserymen of Georgia, Indiana and Texas joined with me in securing one-fourth each of the entire stock. It will be propagated largely, though most trees for the fall of 1898 will be 1-year, 2 to 3 feet. Price, 2 to 4 feet, 75 cts. each; 4 to 5 feet, \$1 each.

## IN SUCCESSION.

**Emerson's Yellow.** A seedling of Emerson by A. L. Bruce. Very promising.

**Red June.\*** A very early and popular Japan Plum. Purplish red, with blue bloom; of good quality.

**Lone Star.** Chickasaw. Large, abundant; yellowish to red. Good. June 1 to 20.

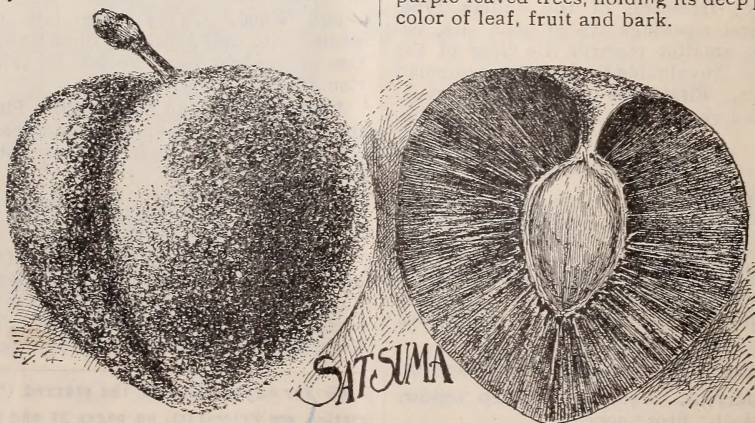
**Willard.** Japanese. Showy, very early; quality fair.

## JUNE.

**Marianna.** A fine stock for other Plums; vigorous and healthy. Profitable in the west for fruit, shade and windbreak.

**Wild Goose.** Large, oblong; bright red, good; very abundant. Must be planted near other Chickasaws for fertilization for best results.

**Pissardii.** Ornamental. The finest of purple-leaved trees, holding its deep purple color of leaf, fruit and bark.



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June Plums, continued.

**Ogon.** Japanese. Medium to large, round, golden yellow, firm, subacid; good. Freestone.

**Arkansas Lombard.** Chickasaw. Vigorous, very productive; medium; yellow, changing to bright red; better and surer than Wild Goose.

**Botan, or Abundance.** Japan. Round, often pointed, firm; skin yellow, heavily washed with purplish carmine, tough; flesh yellow, juicy, with apricot flavor. Good shipper. End of June.

**Normand.\*** Strong, upright-growing tree, very productive; fruit medium to large, obtusely conical, with heart-like base and a short stem; skin golden yellow, with slight blush—a beauty; flesh firm, meaty, yellow, of fine quality; freestone; small pit. Ripens just after Abundance; valuable for family or fancy market.

### JULY.

**Burbank.** Japan. Cherry red, mottled yellow; flesh yellow, good; abundant bearer.

**Hotankayo.\*** Strong, upright tree; fruit very large, crimson with light bloom; excellent; prolific; one of the finest Japan Plums.

**Grayson.** This is a result of crossing, a seedling of Wild Goose evidently having been fertilized by our native Wild Plum. Ripe two or three weeks after Wild Goose. Large, round, bright carmine, covered with a heavy bloom; juicy, rich, subacid; very prolific, and so far free from curculio.

**Chabot.** Japan. Of immense size; yellowish to red; good; clingstone.

**The Hale.** Of all the Japan Plums, this is perhaps the most beautiful and most delicious in flavor, while it is also one of the largest. Originated in California by Luther Burbank, who sold the original tree to J. H. Hale, of Georgia, for \$500. In tree most vigorous; fruit large, orange, mottled with cherry red; in quality equal to Imperial Gage; ripens July to August. I have genuine stock from Mr. Hale. Trees 2 to 3 feet, 50 cts. each, \$30 per 100; 4 to 5 feet, 75 cts. each, \$50 per 100.

**Wickson.\*** The largest of all the Japan Plums. A hybrid between Kelsey and Burbank; purplish red; finest quality; has a tendency to bear very young. I had June-budded trees of 1896 bloom full in March, 1897, only one year old. Ripens just after Burbank.

### AUGUST.

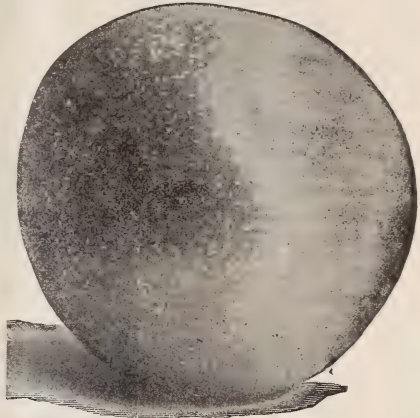
**Crimson Beauty.** Chickasaw. Immensely productive. In tree and fruit like Golden Beauty, except that fruit is bright red and two weeks earlier.

**Satsuma, or Blood Plum.** Japan. Large, dark, with bluish bloom; flesh red, firm, good; seed small; a very fine variety of Plum.

**Golden Beauty.** Chickasaw. Round, yellow, firm, of fine flavor when ripe; immensely productive, sure. Freestone. The best late Plum. August to September.

I have also a limited stock of the following fine Plums: Hawkeye, Sophie, Eagle, Berckmans, Clifford, Newton, Irby's September, Juicy, Gonzales, Wyant, Wayland, Excelsior, Delaware, Gold, and others.

**PRUNES.** A limited supply of French Prunes, Silver, Lot d'Ente, Mont, Barbat, Catherine, Robed'Argent, etc.



THE HALE.

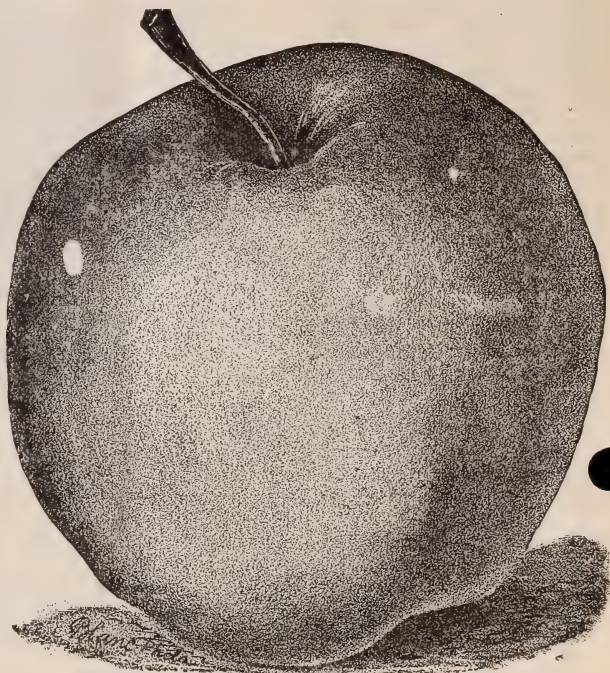


3-YEAR JAPAN PLUM FULL OF FRUIT.

Make sure of Red May, Normand, Botan, Golden Beauty; the 4 for \$1.75.

# APPLES.

In many respects no other fruit equals the Apple. A sandy loam underlaid with red clay is desirable. In the Apple belt along Red River and in the cross timbers they are very profitable, many orchards producing 10 to 30 bushels per tree, selling at 50 cts. per bushel in the orchard. Many other sections are giving good results. On the black-waxy lands and others affected with root rot, test your land, and plant safely where cotton is free from this root disease. Prune so as to branch trees low down, not over two feet from the ground. Northern or European winter Apples seldom retain their fruit here under southern suns later than August or September, when they drop off badly. Our native and southern seedlings are the most reliable for late fall and winter



EARLY HARVEST.

## IN SUCCESSION.

**Yellow Transparent.** Russian. Medium, yellow; tender, subacid; early.

**Red Astrachan.** Vigorous, large; crisp, tartish; abundant; beautiful, red; fine.

**Early Harvest.** Large, clear yellow; acid, tender; cooking well green or ripe

**Red June.** Medium, conical, deep red, abundant.

**Cooper's Early White.** Vigorous, productive; cream; for market and cooking.

**Cole's Quince.\*** Vigorous; a great and regular bearer; large, roundish ovate, with ridges; pale yellow, occasionally faint blush; core small; flesh yellowish, tender, juicy; aromatic, subacid; best cooking green or ripe, and fine eating; free from blemish; maturing well on the trees. The best and most profitable of second ripening when the market is bare.

## JULY.

**Summer Queen.** Large, striped; fine for table and market.

**American Summer Pearmain.** A fine, showy striped home and market Apple.

**Horse.** Well-known southern Apple. Vigorous; large; greenish-yellow; fine for cooking and drying.

## AUGUST.

**Bledsoe's Favorite.\*** Fine Texas seedling. Originated and grown extensively for

many years by Judge Bledsoe, of Sherman, an orchardist of note, proving to be one of the most vigorous, productive and profitable Apples of this section. Fruit is large; greenish striped; handsome; a table and market Apple. Should be in every Texas orchard.

**Lincoln.** Another native from southwest Texas, fruiting regularly and heavily on the high prairies of this county for many years. Medium flat; greenish with red blush; subacid. Fine for cooking and market.

**Carter's Blue.** Vigorous; upright; large; bluish striped; good.

**Jonathan.** Medium, roundish; bright red; fine flavor; fine for market. Planted largely.

**Bellflower.** Large; oblong; yellow; tender.

**Mrs. Bryan.** New. Vigorous, upright, prolific, bearing young. Fruit bright orange-red, showy, subacid, of fine flavor. July to August. From Georgia. 50c each.

We offer a complete list of Apples for Texas. Buy your stock at home.





HAMILTON.

**FALL APPLES.**

**Hamilton.** (Texan.) Brownish, nearly covered with dark red with a bloom; large; round, flattish; flesh yellow, crisp, subacid. Excellent for table, cooking and market. Abundant bearer.

**Twenty Ounce Pippin.** Very large; striped. Shy.

**Rambo.** Medium; oblate; yellowish, marbled red; tender; good.

**Buckingham** (Bachelor). Vigorous; large; red cheek; rich; fine.

**Rome Beauty.** Vigorous; productive; large; yellow, shaded red; good; successful.

**Fall Pippin.** Large; greenish yellow; rich, aromatic; excellent.

**Shannon.** Very large; yellow; fine quality. Shy.

**Smith's Cider.** Vigorous; very productive; oblong; striped; fine for cooking.

**Fameuse.** Very vigorous; prolific; handsome crimson; white fleshed; best quality.

**WINTER.**

**Romanite.** Medium; abundant. Similar to Shockley.

**Ben Davis** (Kentucky). Hardy; vigorous; productive; striped. Universally popular. More largely planted than any other Apple. Most profitable.

**Capitola.** Originated and introduced by A. S. Basset & Son, of Gainesville, Tex. A seedling of largest size, handsome appearance and fine flavor. Ripens with Ben. Davis. Tree vigorous and healthy. 50 cts. each.

**Winesap.** Medium; deep red; crisp; highly flavored; vigorous; abundant.

**Lawver.** Large; red; handsome; firm. Popular.

**Missouri Pippin.** Vigorous; productive; striped; good.

**Gano** (Red Ben Davis). Large; smooth; deep red; attractive and good. An early annual and prolific bearer.

**Arkansas Black.** Vigorous; hardy; abundant and regular, after 5 to 8 years. Large; smooth; round; very black on red clay land; flesh yellow, juicy and delicious; fine for cooking and market.

**Shirley,\*** (Texan.) Vigorous; prolific; striped; medium; excellent keeper; hangs well on the tree. Winesap origin.

**Mammoth Black Twig.** Similar to and larger than Winesap; vigorous and productive. The original tree in Washington county, Ark., stands two feet in diameter of trunk, and bears 45 bushels of Apples, bringing the highest price.

**Shockley.** Upright; vigorous, abundant; fruit medium; yellow, with crimson cheek; a good keeper. Bears young and regularly.

**Loy.** Vigorous; prolific; large; red; a good keeper.

**CRAB APPLES.**

Crab Apples come into bearing as early as the peach, bearing regularly. Excellent for preserves, jellies and dessert, bringing the highest price in the market. Few fruits combine beauty, utility and profit to the same extent. Same price as other Apples.

**Florence.** Dwarfish; immensely productive; fruit flat; round, tender; acid; cream, splashed bright red; July.

**Martha.** Large (two inches in diameter); cream, showy; excellent. July to August.

**Whitney.** Vigorous; striped; large; abundant. August.

**Transcendent.** Most vigorous; productive; waxen yellow, striped red. The best Crab. August and September.

**Hyslop.** Hardy; productive; fruits in clusters; dark rich red; very acid. Late.

**Yates.** Vigorous; prolific; striped; large; late keeper.

**Red and Yellow Siberian** are very small here.

# PEARS.

Pear-growing has received a great impetus by the introduction of the new Chinese Hybrids and native Pears. Experienced fruit men are investing largely in Pears with good profits, especially in the South. Our natives are coming to the front in Pears. There is no better tree to plant for luscious fruit, shade or ornament. Our list is not long, but it contains the best, named in order of ripening.

## The Great Texas Seedling Pear, THE ALAMO.

The Alamo still leads as the best southwestern Pear. In 1896 the original tree carried its load of 2½ bushels of fruit through the severest drouth that has visited this country for 30 years, and stranger still, the same tree bore 3 bushels of nice Pears in 1897 and matured them nicely, having not missed a crop for seven years, since it was 4 years old from seed.

**Its Origin.** In the northwestern part of this (Gray-

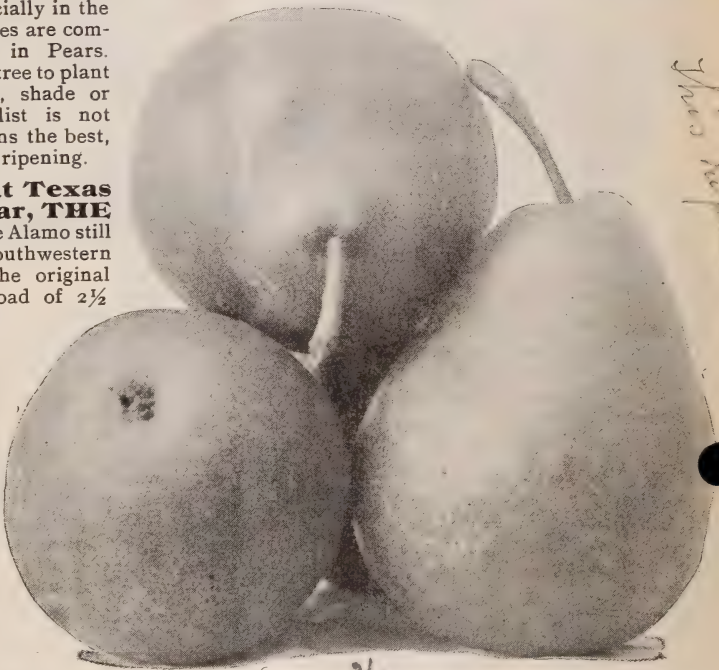
son) county, on the farm of Mr. A. L. Bruce, stands an old Pear tree of the Bergamot type, now 49 years old, 2 feet in diameter of trunk, 50 feet in spread of limbs, as hardy and healthy as any oak; blooming late, hence bearing annually large crops, often 25 bushels of fruit, that in quality is sugary, yet astringent; in size medium. This tree was produced by old Father Peter Bruce, a pioneer settler, who brought the cions from Illinois and grafted them here in 1849. Twelve years ago, in 1886, A. L. Bruce planted a quantity of seeds from this old Bruce Pear; transplanted them into orchard in 1887. This one seedling bore fruit in 1891, about two dozen nice Pears; in 1892 it bore ⅓ bushel, in 1893 bore 1 bushel, in 1894 bore 1¼ bushels, in 1895 1½ bushels, in 1896 2½ bushels, in 1897 3 bushels of delicious Pears. The fruit is of medium size, Bartlett shape; light yellow, slight blush next the sun; small core, no grit, fine-grained, sprightly, sugary, decidedly of Bartlett flavor, without the muskiness of that variety. It ripens up quickly and thoroughly, on or off the tree. May be picked off a week before ripe and shipped to distant markets, retaining its fine flavor.

**What we want** is a vigorous, healthy, yet slow starting, late blooming Pear of good quality, "born and bred" to cope with our capricious southern and western extremes of heat and frosts, rain and drouth. **The Alamo** fills this want, possessing six clearly defined points of excellence:

(1) Earliness. Ripe July 10 to 31, in a bare market. (2) Young-bearing; seven annual crops in 11 years from the seed. (3) Late-blooming. With the apple, April 2 to 10. (4) Fine quality, good size and form. (5) A native Texan, with finest ancestry. (6) Vigorous, hardy, slow to start sap, yet early to mature its wood; prolific, rich, glossy foliage.

January 3, 1894, I bought the original tree and the right to propagate and control same, from Mr. Bruce. The Alamo still maintains itself well, and has come to stay. We are proud of its increasing popularity. There is money in its planting.

**"Remember the Alamo!"** Price, \$1.25 each, \$75 per 100. (See cut, front cover.)



THE ALAMO. (Natural size.)

*This represents the shape very clearly, for many are deceived.*



# WHAT LEADING AUTHORITIES SAY OF THE ALAMO PEAR.

"I class it best."—HON. P. J. BERCKMANS, Augusta, Ga., *highest authority in pomology.*

"I consider the quality of The Alamo fully equal if not superior to Bartlett, which is saying all in its favor that can be said."—SAM'L MILLER, Bluffton, Mo., *Vice President of Missouri State Horticultural Society.*

"Very similar to Bartlett, without the objectionable muskiness of that variety."—HON. S. B. HEIGES, *Chief Div. Pomology, Washington, D. C.*

"The sample Alamo shows it to be an exquisite table Pear, a valuable addition to our list of successful Pears."—DR. A. M. RAGLAND, *Horticultural Editor of "The Texas Farm and Ranch."*

I have many other equally commendatory testimonials from the most prominent pomologists of our time.

## GENERAL LIST OF PEARS.



BRANCH OF LECONTE.

✓ **Summer Beauty.\*** A large, fine early Pear originating in Southwest Texas, and introduced by Otto Locke; quality good.

**Clapp's Favorite.** Large, good quality; red cheek, showy. July to August.

✓ **Leconte.** Large, smooth; pale yellow; ripens best in a cool room. Very successful along the coast; blooms too early for North Texas. August.

✓ **Smith's Hybrid.** Almost identical with Leconte.

✓ **Howell.** Medium; rich, fine; a good bearer. Generally esteemed one of our best Pears.

**Bartlett.** Large, yellow; buttery, melting; rich flavor, with slight muskiness; very popular. August.

**Seckel.** Small; finest flavor; brownish; tree upright and prolific. August.

**Duchesse d'Angouleme.** Very large; fine flavor. One of the very best Pears, as standard or dwarf. August to September.

**Louise Bonne de Jersey.** Standard or dwarf. Vigorous, prolific; red cheek; good Pear.

✓ **Crow, or Isaac Wolson.\*** New. Like Bartlett in shape and color; finest flavor. Ripe September 1 to 15. Tree vigorous, hardy and very productive. For many years grown almost exclusively and very successfully on the prairies in this county.

**Garber's Hybrid.** A seedling of Chinese Sand Pear. Resembles Kieffer in size, quality and appearance, but somewhat earlier.



GARBER'S HYBRID.

The Big Four—Carman, Red May, Black Twig, Alamo, for \$2.75.

## Pears, continued.

**Kieffer.** Very large; yellow, bright vermillion cheek when well ripened; flesh brittle, juicy, with a marked aroma. September to October. Best ripened in a cool place. Tree very vigorous and prolific, beginning to bear young, generally at 3 or 4 years, and so far has proved to resist blight or other disease better than any other Pear.

**Idaho.** A very promising new western Pear from Idaho. Large, handsome, fine.

**Japan Golden Russet.** A new, vigorous, luxuriant Pear, said to be immensely productive, bearing very young. Fruit round, flat, russet; good for canning and preserving.

✓**Lincoln Coreless.\*** From Lincoln county,



Tenn., where the original tree is said to be 60 years old, bearing regularly. Young trees appear very healthy and vigorous. Fruit large and very late, but when put away ripens well, and is of fine flavor. Said to be free from seeds.

## QUINCES.

Deep, rich, well drained soil and good cultivation are very necessary to success.

**Angers.** Large. Pear-shaped. Vigorous.

**Orange and Champion** are most esteemed for preserving.

**Chinese.** Upright; vigorous; fruit immense; oblong; rather coarse; blooms early. This has grown best on my heavy soil.

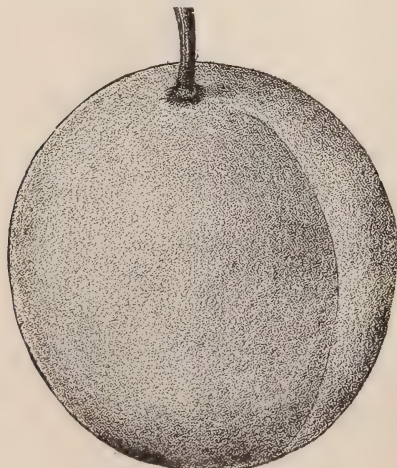
## APRICOTS.

✓**Cluster.** Originated from Russian seed by Ramsey & Son, of Austin, Texas, who claim that, blooming late, it bears regularly and abundantly, never missing a crop. Fruit medium, clear yellow, with red cheek.

**Early Golden.** Deep yellow; medium, very early.

**Royal.** Early, large, fine.

**Moorpark.** An excellent old favorite.



APRICOT.

## CHERRIES.

Plant plums largely in place of Cherries in this country. Cherries are hardly profitable.

✓**Vladimir.** A Russian Cherry. Dwarfish in habit; very prolific here, and of good quality.

**Olivet.** Large, red; new, valuable.

**Early Richmond.** Early, deep red, valuable.

**English Morello.** Similar to above; later.

**Black Tartarian.** Large, black, sweet.

**Gov. Wood.** Large, yellow and red, sweet; a very good variety.

See General Price-List, on pages 27 and 28.



# MISCELLANEOUS FRUITS.



BRUNSWICK FIG.

and most successful weeping trees for the South. 75 cts. each.

## FIGS.

In this latitude Figs are often winter-killed to the ground. Nevertheless we have varieties which spring up rapidly and strong, and bear the same season. Farther south and east they are hardy. When the Figs we offer are better known they will be appreciated, and no home will be without its own "vine and Fig tree."

✓ **Brown Turkey.** Small; dark; sweet; prolific.

**Magnolia, or Never Fail.** Medium; yellowish-brown; rich; abundant.

✓ **Brunswick.** Large; oblong; yellow; vigorous; fine.

## MULBERRIES.

**Hicks' Everbearing.** A handsome, upright, rapid grower; very abundant for two or three months; fine shade. The fruit is liked by many, and is very profitable for chickens and hogs.

**Downing.** Much larger and better fruit, but the tree is sometimes killed by sudden cold.

**Russian.** Profuse; variable in quality; very hardy and valuable in dry regions.

**Teas' Weeping Russian.** One of the finest

## ELEAGNUS LONGIPES.

A magnificent ornamental and fruiting shrub, with leaves dark green above and silvery beneath. Hardy and a profuse bearer of crimson cherry-like fruit, of tartish flavor, in May. 50 cts.

## CITRUS TRIFOLIATA.

(HARDY ORANGE.)

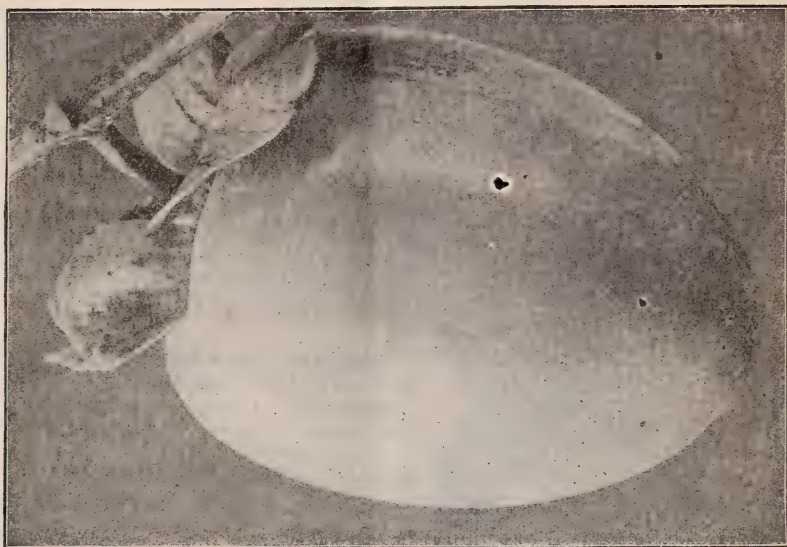
A very striking ornamental, shrubby tree, perfectly hardy as far North as New Jersey, giving in the spring a profusion of orange-like blossoms, followed in the fall with small oranges of a lemon-like acidity, relished by some, though not generally considered edible, yet very ornamental. The thick, glossy leaves drop here in winter, yet the deep green wood and bright yellow oranges make it very striking and attractive for the lawn. Very suitable for single specimens or hedges.



CITRUS TRIFOLIATA.

## POMEGRANATES.

Glossy foliage, rich double flowers, followed by large, showy fruit. Only half hardy in this latitude; hardy from Waco southward. They are very popular as ornamentals. 25c.



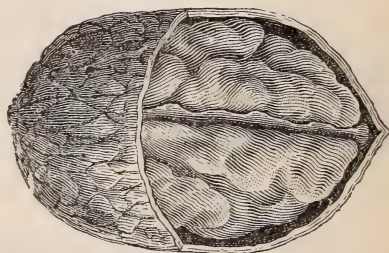
JAPAN PERSIMMON.

**JAPAN PERSIMMONS.**

Many varieties of this remarkable staple fruit are now grown here. They are used both fresh and dried in various ways; fruit is very large; yellow when ripe; rich, sweet and very showy, growing well throughout the South. Handle trees carefully, and do not allow the roots to become dry or exposed. My trees are grafted on native roots, and are from early bearing, successful varieties.



PECAN. (See opposite page.)



ENGLISH WALNUT.

**NUT TREES.**

Life insurance policies are best taken out in Nut-bearing orchard investments. They pay handsome dividends at 7 to 15 years, and ever thereafter in increasing ratio, besides being a permanent paying investment, without danger of rash squandering by inexperienced legatees.

**ALMONDS.**

Almonds are very unreliable here, but are profitable in the West and Southwest.

✓ **Princess** and ✓ **Sultana**. Both prolific, soft-shelled, good; the principal Almonds of commerce.

✓ **Languedoc**. A leading commercial Almond.

**WALNUTS.**

**English**. The common thin-shelled Walnut of commerce.

**American Black**. Well known native, from large, select nuts. Valuable for shade and nuts.

**Japan**. New, immensely productive. Is favorably reported from many sections.



## PECANS.

Pecans succeed well all throughout the Southwest on all soils, preferring deep, alluvial lowlands. I have found the large North Texas nuts more successful than the very thin-shelled varieties from Louisiana or Mexico. I cut the tap roots of these and other Nut trees at one year, causing them to form a number of tap and lateral roots, and assuring success in transplanting. My trees are nearly all seedlings grown from fine, selected nuts, grafting the Pecan being very difficult.

✓ **Sentinel.** From nuts of largest size, oblong, obtuse; medium shell; very rich. This parent tree stands apart from others, and is a fine bearer.

✓ **Texan.** From large select nuts, long, pointed and good.

✓ **Sombrero.** From largest thin-shelled nuts grown in West Texas.



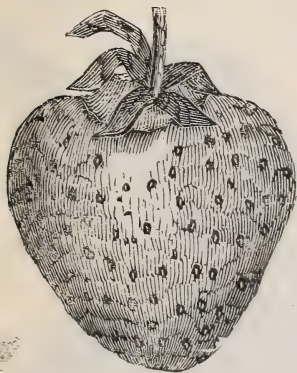
SPANISH CHESTNUT.

## SPANISH CHESTNUTS.

Very large nuts of good quality. Trees very vigorous and prolific, beginning to bear profusely at 3 to 4 years old. The foliage bears our hot sun well, better than the Japan. My trees bear in the nursery rows.

## SMALL FRUITS.

To have a supply of most luscious and healthful **Strawberries** is within easy attainment of any one having rich garden soil. Use stable manure freely. They require good cultivation, to keep soil mellow and to keep out grass and weeds. Best to plant in rows 3½ feet apart. Raspberries, especially the black-caps, succeed best on and prefer a heavy, rich soil. Blackberries are the most profitable of all fruits to cultivate, yielding \$200 to \$400 per acre, and seldom fail to make a crop owing to late and profuse blooming. Make the land rich, plant in rows 7 feet apart and 2 feet in rows. After first year top the new canes at 3 feet, causing them to stiffen up and throw out more fruit-producing branches.



CRESCENT.

red. Plant near Michel's Early to be fertilized.

**Captain Jack.** Large, crimson; aromatic, firm; perfect flower; productive.

**Gandy.** Very large; late, firm and good; strong, perfect flowered; abundant.

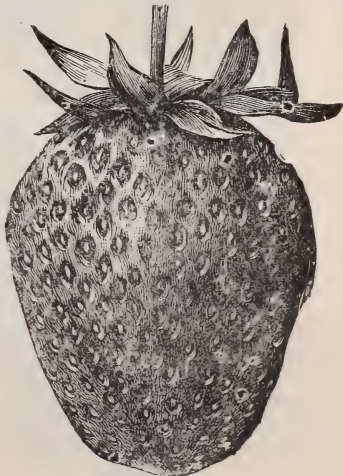
**Charles Downing.** Well-known, reliable, adapting itself to nearly all soils and conditions.

✓ **Parker Earle.** A native Texan, originated by James Nimon, Denison; robust, strong; deep penetrating roots, enduring our hot summers remarkably well; very productive; fruit large, firm, showy, of fine flavor. Late.

STRAW-  
BERRIES.

**Michel's Early.** Earliest; large, vigorous; perfect flowers.

**Crescent.** Early; very prolific; bright



PARKER EARLE.

## RASPBERRIES.

**Doolittle Improved.** This old blackcap has ever proved the hardiest, most prolific and profitable, the canes enduring better than any other.

**Tyler.** Very early; a good blackcap.

**Turner.** Early, prolific, red.

**Gregg.** Very large; fine, late, blackcap.



GREGG RASPBERRY.

## DEWBERRIES AND BLACKBERRIES.

### IN SUCCESSION.

✓ **Trinity.** Earliest; of medium size; good; very prolific. Found on Trinity River, near Dallas. 15 cts. each, \$6 per 100.

✓ **Austin's Dewberry** (May's, or May's Hybrid). Originated at Pilot Point, Tex. Early; immensely productive; of largest size and fine quality; very profitable. Endures drouth remarkably. Ripe May 10 to 31. 15 cts. each, \$5 per 100.

**Lucretia Dewberry.** Fine, large,

prolific, firm; successful. Price same as Blackberries.

**Early Harvest.** Immensely prolific; vigorous, upright, few thorns; rather small, firm; very profitable, early market; free from rust.

**Wilson's Early.** Very strong; thorny, productive; large and fine; no rust.

✓ **Dallas.** Very similar to Wilson's; a native. A very profitable home and market berry; no rust.

**Kittatinny.** The finest, largest, and sweetest berry; subject to rust, therefore must be renewed every three or four years

### GOOSEBERRIES.

Houghton's Seedling and Downing have given us reasonable returns in early spring in appetizing tarts, the surplus always commanding ready sale.

### CURRANTS.

Very little success is had with the White Dutch, Cherry, and other like Currants in the South

Carefully compare our Price-List, pages 27 and 28, with that of Northern nurserymen, on whose stock you pay the freight!



AUSTIN'S DEWBERRY.

The trio of Texans, Trinity, Austin's, Dallas, 12 each, for \$2.50.



## GRAPES.

The Munsonian system of training is considered one of the best. Set a post 6½ feet long 2 feet into the ground, placing a cross-arm 2 feet long at top. Place these posts every 20 feet along the rows, putting two strings of wire upon the ends of cross-arms. Tie the single stem of vine up between these wires, the branches of the vine forming on these two wires an arbor, shading the fruit and vine, and easy to be sprayed. Prune heavily in February, before the sap starts.



IVES' SEEDLING.

**Perkins.** Very large; pink, vigorous and prolific.

**Delaware.** Exceedingly sweet, sprightly and vinous. The standard of excellence among American Grapes. Small, compact, pink; but little rot.

**Lindley.** Large, red; fine quality for table and market; successful; pistillate; must be planted near other Grapes.

**Niagara.** One of the most profitable white Grapes grown; bunch and berry large, very showy and of good quality; vigorous and productive.

**Martha.** Large, white; seedling of Concord.

**Mission, or El Paso (Vinifera).** Very large, open bunches; medium; sweet; fine for table and market. Succeeds in West and Southwest Texas and westward sections of the country.

**Lenoir, or Black Spanish.** Black; very large bunch, medium berry; red wine.

**Herbemont.** Small berry, large cluster; fine for table and market; rots here; very successful in the Southwest.

**Scuppernong.** Must have deep, rich soil, and must have the male Muscadine planted near them to be fruitful; is always a failure if planted alone.

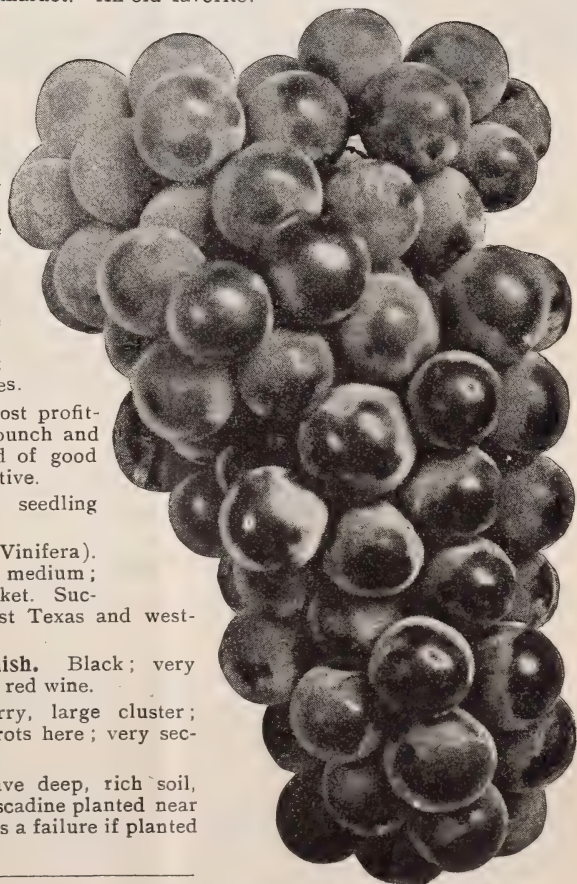
### IN SUCCESSION.

**Champion.** Large, black; prolific, vigorous and good.

**Moore's Diamond.** Large, vigorous; white, new; very fine.

**Ives' Seedling.** Medium; black, sure, prolific, and free from rot; good when thoroughly ripe. Succeeds on all soils.

**Concord.** Vigorous, large, black. For table and market. An old favorite.



LENOIR, OR BLACK SPANISH.



HERMAN JÆGER.

### T. V. MUNSON'S AMERICAN GRAPES.

T. V. Munson's American Grapes score an important victory for Southwestern Grape growers. Prof. Munson has some very remarkable productions obtained by hybridizing our native Post Oak Grape and others with the finest old varieties, thus securing new races of Grapes of finest quality and habit, especially suited to our needs. Every one should plant these splendid new Grapes. I include only a few of the best. 50 cts. each, \$5 per doz.

**America.** Of Post Oak and Rupestris blood, hence very hardy, vigorous and productive; large, black; juicy, pure and good; no rot.

**Brilliant.** Is a seedling of Lindley crossed with Delaware; healthy, vigorous, hardy; large bunch, and berry; translucent red; quality very fine; successful over a wide range. A splendid early table and market Grape.

**Gold Coin.** Hybrid of Norton and Martha; vigorous; late in flowering, hence sure; medium to large; rich golden yel-

low, fine flavor; attractive for table and market.

**Herman Jæger.** Seedling of native Post Oak (*V. Linsecum*), fertilized or crossed with Herbemont. Exceedingly healthy, vigorous and prolific; bunches very large, of good quality; fine for table, market, or wine. Early.

**Rommel.** A cross between Triumph and Elvira; vigorous, healthy; medium, compact, handsome; white; quality best; season of Delaware; brings the highest price in market.

### PLANT THE TREE.

Bring forth the tender shrub, the tree and vine,  
And plant them by the house or in the field;  
They will in time, we hope, for thee or thine,  
Reward all toil—a precious harvest yield.

If not for us, for others they will bear  
The shining apple, pear or luscious peach;  
The juicy grapes, all sparkling bright and rare,  
Will smiling hang within an easy reach.

Plant elm or ash in useless spots of ground,  
Pecan or willow at the murmuring brook,  
Some flowering shrub upon the grassy mound,  
Or useful tree in any vacant nook.

The graceful maple and the fragrant pine,  
In school-house grounds where children love to  
play;

Some hardy trees along the highway's line,  
To shade the traveler on his tiresome way.

The birds will carol from their leafy bower,  
And build their nests with tender, loving care;  
The bees will gather sweets from every flower,  
Whose store of honey you may live to share.

And when you're gone beyond this earthly sphere,  
Your labors in each season's round will bring—  
To bless your memory and to keep it dear—  
The fruit in autumn and the flowers in spring.

C. L. LOCHMAN, in *Mechan's Monthly*.





# Ornamental Department.

## SHADE TREES.

*"He who plants a tree plants joy, plants peace;  
Plant! Life does the rest.  
Heaven and earth help him who plants a tree,  
And his work its own reward shall be."*


A home, a school or churchyard deprived of the restful beauty and cooling repose of trees is a sad sight! Our native trees are very successful, supplemented by others well tested and largely successful, as given below. We have an immense stock of fine shade trees on hand; all nursery-grown, and with better roots than those from the forest.

**MAPLE, Soft or Silver.** A great favorite. Rapid, stately, luxuriant, clean; affected some by the root rot of cotton on black land.

**Weir's Cut-leaved.\*** Succeeds as well as the above; leaves deeply cut; young branches pendent or weeping, giving a feathery and graceful appearance; very novel and striking. All trees budded.

**ELM, American White.** Broad-leaved; easily transplanted, long-lived; very successful. Not subject to "cotton root rot."

**SYCAMORE.** Symmetrical, lofty; long-lived, rapid; not subject to "cotton root rot." Succeeds well on waxy or white-rock soils, as well as on others.

 Maple, Sycamore and Elm are recognized as the best and most popular shade trees. I have a large stock of all sizes. Inducements on large jobs.

**POPLAR, Silver.** Hardy, vigorous, beautiful; leaves green above, silvery beneath.

**Bolleana.** New. Very striking; leaves like Silver Poplar; grayish wood; durable.

**Lombardy.** Rapid grower, upright habit; a handsome, useful tree for avenues, etc.

**HACKBERRY.** There is no more successful or effective shade tree for our hot summers than our native Hackberry.

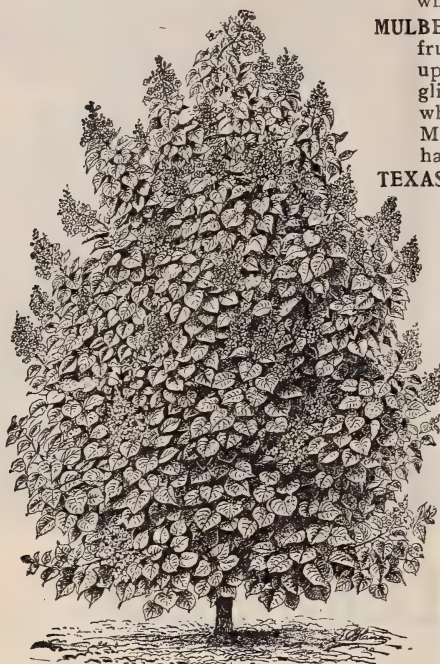
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Southern varieties for the South. We have them.

## Shade Trees—continued.

**ASH, American.** Hardy, vigorous, stately, beautiful, handsome foliage tree.

**CATALPA speciosa.** Most hardy and persistent, growing under adverse conditions where others fail.



CATALPA SPECIOSA.

**LOCUST, Black.** Well-known; hardy and persistent; flowers of refreshing fragrance. Besides the above, I have many other Shade Trees, both new and old, in moderate supply. See also Nut Trees.

**MULBERRIES.** (See Fruits.) Most satisfactory for fruit and shade combined. Hicks being very upright and vigorous; Russian, though straggling when young, proves a most desirable tree when once established. Teas' Weeping Russian Mulberry is striking and graceful as well as hardy and successful. 75 cts. each.

**TEXAS UMBRELLA,** Quick, luxuriant, beautiful; short-lived, but repaying well in quick results, while more permanent trees are being established.

**BOIS D'ARC.** Hard to transplant, but nothing more effective and durable when once you get them established. My trees are nursery grown.

**JAPAN VARNISH.\*** Imported, introduced and proved successful in this section by us for 12 years. Luxuriant, lobed or fig-like leaves, umbrella-like on their long stems; body smooth, green, altogether presenting a striking tropical appearance.

**PRUNUS Pissardii.** (See Plums.) A most beautiful purple foliage Plum.

**WEEPING WILLOW, American.** The finest of weeping trees; well-known.

The Kilmarnock Weeping Willow does not endure our hot suns.

**WHITE BIRCH, European.** An old favorite; straight, symmetrical; loses its leaves early in the fall, hence not desirable.

## EVERGREENS.

It is no trouble to get our Evergreens to grow. My plan of moving a small ball of earth with the roots is a great safeguard against damage in transplanting and shipping, and is the most successful way. I will pack them so if desired. If not ordered to ball, I will pack in wet moss. I never allow the roots to be exposed or dried, which is the secret of success. The following are very successful here.

**ARBORVITAE, Chinese.** Deep green, hardy, vigorous, rapid-growing, fine; stately for large places, or may be shorn as desired; fine as specimens, hedges or wind-breaks. Trees in stock. 1 to 7 feet.

**Golden.** Very compact, symmetrical, globular, conical and pyramidal, as desired; most beautiful and popular. Those grown from selected seed are most compact and deep green.

**Golden semper aurea.** These are grafted; uniform in shape and color, light green tipped with golden; not so compact when young as the deep green, but growing into and maintaining their beautiful form.

**Rosedale Hybrid.** Beautiful, feathery pea green foliage; a distinct hybrid between Arborvitæ and Retinospora. Very compact and desirable.

**CEDAR, Red.** Our native Red Cedar is the most universally successful Evergreen, thriving in any of our soils under most adverse conditions, and free from disease; most attractive left to grow spreading and stately, but bears shearing; my trees are fine.

**JUNIPER, Irish.** Bright green, compact, pyramidal; popular.



Evergreens—continued.

**CEDRUS Deodara.** The great Cedar of the Himalayan mountains; a grand, stately tree, attaining a height of 50 to 65 feet; glaucous pea green; branches horizontal and spreading. By far the most striking Evergreen for the South, enduring well the hot suns, and rarely ever hurt by our sudden changes. It is to the South what Norway Spruce is to the North. Mr. E. M. Pachel, of Gainesville, Texas, who knew and admired the tree in England, says of it: "The trees here on my lawn, bought of you 10 years ago, are magnificent; the grandest Evergreen for the South; nothing equals it."

**Atlantica or Argentea.** Similar to the above, but branches stiff, inclined upward; pyramidal; beautiful.

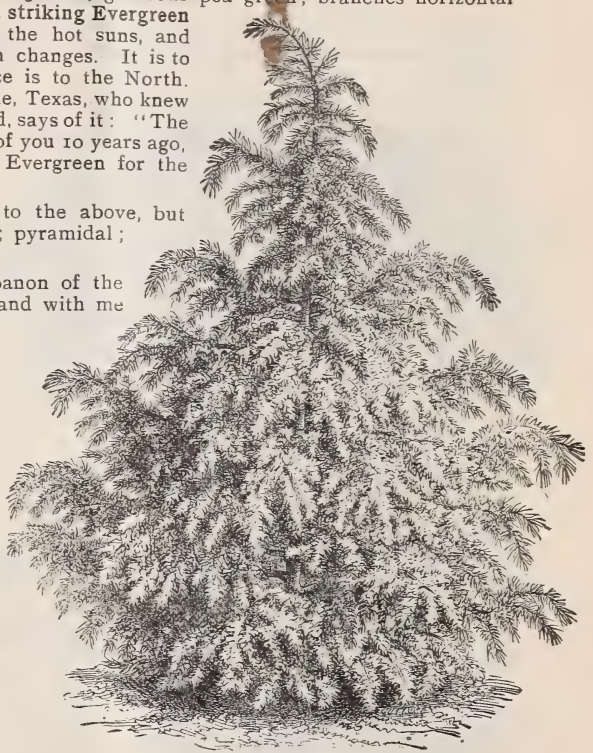
**Libani.** The true Cedar of Lebanon of the sacred writings, deeper green, and with me has not proved so successful as either of the two above.

**CYPRESS, Lawson's.** Usually compact, graceful, feathery; from vivid green to silvery tint. The only one of the Cypresses that endures our sudden cold snaps well.

**Japan (*Retinospora*).** Of this most interesting family *Retinospora plumosa aurea* has proved successful here. Exquisite foliage, plume like, tipped with gold; rather tender.

**PINE.** The Scotch and Austrian succeed well here. Compact, deep green; rather slow; the best.

**Strobus or White.** A most beautiful light green tree, with fine graceful foliage; of upright handsome appearance; requires much care in getting established but, when that point is attained, it is very fine. 50 cts. per foot high.



CEDRUS DEODARA.

### BROAD-LEAVED EVERGREENS.

**MAGNOLIA grandiflora.** Queen of flowering Evergreens; broad, glossy foliage; flowers immense, white; most fragrant; stem upright, vigorous; successful here and further north. Never allow roots to dry; give good soil and culture until established; remove all but the terminal leaves in transplanting.

**MAHONIA AQUIFOLIA.** A striking dark green shrubby Evergreen; leaves compound, 5 to 7 leaflets; prickly, producing in the spring long spikes of yellow flowers of a pleasant fragrance, followed by red berries.

**CAPE JASMINE.** A splendid flowering Evergreen shrub in sub-tropical regions; flowers double, white, richly fragrant; must have protection here.

**BUXUS sempervirens (Tree Box).** This is the larger growing Box; quite dwarf here.

**Myrtifolia.** Similar to above, but more dwarfish and a much better variety.

**Nana (Dwarf Box).** Very close and round, small glossy leaves; for small border.

**Variegata.** Leaves with silvery margin. 25 cts. each.

**EUONYMUS Japonica.** Dark green glossy leaves, one inch broad; rather tender here.

**variegata.** Leaves beautifully variegated with silver or golden-green; very desirable.

**WILD PEACH.** This is a fine, upright, glossy-leaved, very desirable true Evergreen; very hardy here; flowers followed by a black, cherry-like fruit.

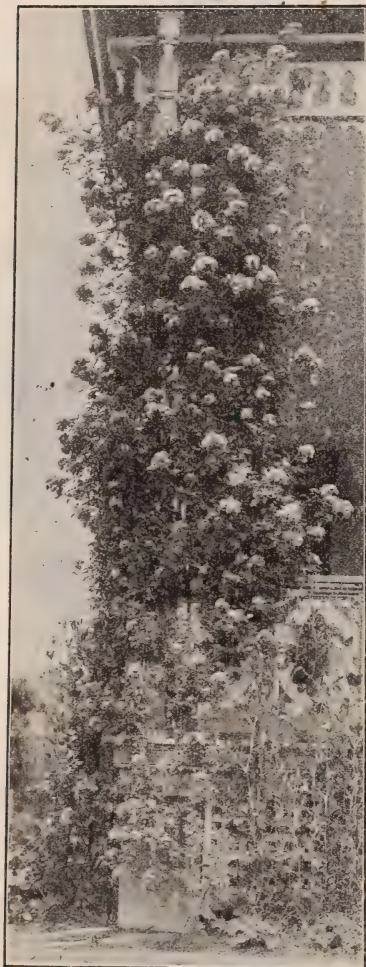
**PRIVET, California.** Almost Evergreen, strong, pyramidal; leaves bright green; spikes of white, fragrant flowers in spring. Largely used for ornamental hedges.

**YUCCA filamentosa (Evergreen Flag and Spanish Dagger).** Large spikes of bell-shaped white flowers through the summer. 25 cts. each.

*I have many other Evergreens, popular in their respective sections.*

# ROSES.

The immense number of Rose Catalogues and "Guides" of our wholesale Rose growers, enumerating thousands of new and old Roses, accessible by all, render it necessary for me to give only brief descriptions of a few leading sorts. My Roses are principally outdoor, strong plants, having bloomed through one season. I also handle the strong 3 and 4-inch pot Roses.



CRIMSON RAMBLER.

climbing Tea Rose for the South; best when budded or grafted.

**Jules Margottin.** A bright, clear cherry red; large, and very double.

## CLIMBING ANNUAL ROSES.

**Prairie Queen.** Strong climber; large, full clear rich pink, profuse in spring; one of the finest and most useful varieties to be found among Climbing Roses.

**Yellow Rambler.\*** A hardy, vigorous, free-blooming yellow climber. Very fine.

**Baltimore Belle.** Blush-white, in clusters.

**Crimson Rambler.\*** A vigorous climber and profuse bloomer. Immense clusters of crimson flowers.

**Appoline.** Vigorous, large and double cupped flowers of rosy carmine.

**American Beauty.** One of the best for outdoor culture, strong grower, free bloomer; dark rich crimson, exquisitely shaded; very sweet.

**Catherine Mermet.** Clear flesh pink, silvery luster; large, fine; successful.

**The Bride.** Strong and vigorous; large, white, white changing to delicate carmine.

**Clothilde Soupert.** Profuse, fine form; delicate light color, combining free blooming and surpassing beauty.

**Malmaison.** Its rich, flesh-colored flowers are of immense size, produced in abundance and have the requisite form and substance to withstand our hot, dry summers.

**Waban.** A sport from Mermet; rich deep bright pink.

**Hermosa.** Beautiful light pink; an old favorite.

**Marie Guillot.** Pure white; large, full and fine.

**Etoile d'Lyons.** A magnificent brilliant chrome-yellow, golden in center.

**Cornelia Cook.** Pure white; fine buds, fine form.

**Mlle. Francisca Kruger.** Vigorous; very distinct coppery yellow; fine buds.

**Gen. Jacqueminot.** Very vigorous, hardy; blooms large, deep red, full, an old favorite for outdoor culture.

**Pink Daily.** Hardy, profuse, continuous; pink.

**Perle des Jardins.** Finest bright yellow, rich, fragrant, tender.

**Duchess de Brabant.** Vigorous, free bloomer; salmon pink.

**Moss Roses.** White and red, beautiful in their moss covered buds; seldom blooming more than in the spring.

## CLIMBING ROSES, TEA AND NOISSETTE.

**Chromatella, or Cloth of Gold.** Robust, bright yellow, fragrant; large and very beautiful.

**Mary Washington.\*** Snow white, in large clusters; very sweet, abundant and constant; a very strong-growing Tea.

**Marechal Niel.\*** Deep sulphur-yellow, full, large, and exceedingly sweet. The most magnificent



# BLOOMING SHRUBS.

These shrubs are very useful in landscape decoration, and after judicious selection and careful planting and culture, they soon produce effects very pleasing to the eye. Those below are named in the order of blooming season approximately.

**CYDONIA, or Pyrus Japonica.**

Earliest; bright, showy; hardy. February to March.

**FORSYTHIA viridissima.** Beautiful yellow flowers.

**FLOWERING ALMOND.** Beautiful, double, brightest pink flowers.

**JASMINUM nudiflorum.** A profusion of large yellow flowers.

**BUSH HONEYSUCKLE.** White, sweet; very early. Also a pink variety, with dark green leaves; bushy.

**SPIRÆA Billardii.** Spikes of showy pink flowers through July and August.

**Fortunei rosea.** Bright carmine flowers, borne in large trusses on long stems; fine. June.

**Fortunei alba.** A very compact dwarf, covered with white blooms. June to August. Very desirable. 30 cts. each.

**Prunifolia (Bridal Wreath).** Double, white; early.

**Van Houttei.** With long, graceful, slender branches, covered with pure white flowers; very desirable. May and June.



SPIRÆA VAN HOUTTEI.

**PHLADELPHUS (Mock Orange).** White, sweet scented:

**WEIGELA rosea.** Long branches covered with showy, pink, bell-shaped flowers.

**LILAC.** Well-known favorites. I have purple and white. The white, 30 cts. each.

**DEUTZIA crenata.** Handsome, profuse, pendulous; double white, fringed rose. **Scabra.** Covered with single white blossoms; very hardy.

**HYDRANGEA paniculata grandiflora.** Immense panicles of white flowers continuously; very striking. 25 cts. each.

**BUDDLEIA Lindleyana.** Long, pendulous spikes of purple flowers all summer and fall.

**ALTHEAS.** These have the greatest profusion of flowers, of varied hues; double, semi-double and single; classed white, pink, red and variegated. July to frost.

**CRAPE MYRTLE.** A shrubby tree, covered with large trusses of splendid flowers. I have them bright pink, brilliant red, and white. 30 cts.

**FLOWERING WILLOW (*Chilopsis linearis*).** A shrubby tree, blooming profusely all summer. The clustered flowers are purplish, peculiarly marked and shaded yellow; 1 to 2 in. long; delicately fluted. 25 cts. each \$20 per 100.



HYDRANGEA PANICULATA GRANDIFLORA.

## CLIMBERS.

These constitute the living drapery, indispensable to "set off" the various objects of a well appointed place. They are very graceful, and are permanent when established.

**ROSES.** See Climbing Roses. Very effective.

**HONEYSUCKLE, Japan Evergreen.** Profuse; white to yellow. "Sweet Honeysuckle bowers" perhaps will ever be popular and dear to the heart, tinged, perhaps, with a bit of sentiment; certainly wealthy in verdant foliage and a profusion of most fragrant, pretty flowers, inviting to repose, purity, contentment and love.

**Chinese Evergreen.** Similar to Japan.

**Golden Netted.** Foliage beautifully veined with gold; creamy, sweet flowers.

**Scarlet Trumpet, or Coral.** Profuse, perpetual; red, yellow throat.

**Yellow Trumpet.** Similar to above; yellow.

**AMPELOPSIS Virginiana** (Virginia Creeper). Well known.

**ENGLISH IVY.** Richest green foliage; prefers a shaded wall.

**PERIPLOCA Graeca** (Grecian Silk Vine). Fine, dark green leaves; very rapid and hardy; peculiar purple flowers,

**BIGNONIA grandiflora.** Large trumpet-shaped scarlet flowers in clusters; a very handsome vine.

**CLEMATIS paniculata.** Draped with beautiful panicles of white, fragrant flowers. July to September. Endures our hot suns better than the more showy and costly kinds.

**WISTARIA, Chinese.** Purple; vigorous, rapid grower, with long, pendulous clusters of very handsome blue flowers. I have also a white variety.



WISTARIA, CHINESE.

## ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

Very effective and striking, massed on the lawn or for decorations indoors. The feathery plumes, natural or dyed any desirable color, make beautiful winter bouquets. All hardy here.

**ARUNDO Donax variegata.** Scarce; showy and beautiful, either singly or in groups; leaves a fresh, luxuriant green, with white stripes.

**ERIANTHUS Ravennae.** Attains a height of 10 feet, with numerous flower spikes of grayish white, taking the place of Pampas plumes, which do not endure well our dry summers.

**EULALIA Japonica zebrina** (Zebra Grass). From Japan. Very striking and distinct, with its long, narrow green leaves blotched across with creamy white, and an abundance of feathery, curled plumes; very handsome.

**E. Japonica variegata.** Very similar to zebrina, with stripe running lengthwise of the leaves.



EULALIA JAPONICA ZEBRINA.





CANNA.



CHRYSANthemUM.

## BULBOUS PLANTS.

**CANNAS.** Since the introduction of the new French Cannas, no other class of plants has made such progress. Their luxuriant foliage, together with their immense trusses of showy flowers of most fantastic colors, must be seen to be appreciated; and seen, are but to be admired. I have a number of the best.

**Alphonse Bouvier.** Crimson, immense.

**Florence Vaughan.** Yellow, spotted red.

**Mad. Brozy.** Flaming scarlet, bordered gold; a great favorite.

**Paul Marquant.** Bright salmon.

**Explorateur Crambel.** Cardinal-red,

**PÆONIAS.** Noblest of herbaceous perennials. Immense, showy, double flowers; assorted colors.

**TIGER LILY.** Vigorous, hardy perennial, with showy, single flowers.

**HYACINTHS, TULIPS and NARCISSUS.** Best Holland-grown, in assorted best colors for fall planting. Also **GLADIOLI** and **TUBEROSES** in spring.

### CHRYSANthemUMS.

The queen of fall-flowering plants. Flowers in most varied fantastic shapes and shades of color. I have many of the best varieties.

### GERANIUMS AND OTHER GREENHOUSE PLANTS.

These I do not grow for the trade, as I now have no greenhouse, but if they are desired to be included in orders for nursery stock in my line, I will supply them from greenhouses here at prices usually charged by them.

## VEGETABLE ROOTS AND PLANTS.

**ASPARAGUS.** I grow Palmetto and Conover's Colossal. Plant 6 inches deep, 2 feet apart, in well-prepared, well-drained land; manure heavily.

**RHUBARB, or PIE-PLANT.** Treat about as asparagus. Mulch heavily in summer.

**HORSE RADISH** and **SAGE** should be in every garden.

**VEGETABLE PLANTS.** I grow these early, medium and late, in quantity and variety, in their season, from best improved seed, grown by the leading and most reliable seedmen. Prices very reasonable.

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Every precaution to have only healthy, vigorous Trees and Plants.

## SPECIAL OFFERS.

For the benefit of those desiring to get a stock of the newest and finest varieties, we make the following special offers at extremely low prices: Nos. 1 to 4 may be divided, taking one each of the several varieties, at half the price of each respective offer, or combining two or more. No. 6 we consider the finest special offer ever made by any one.

No. 1. Two each of Sneed, Triumph, Carman, Elberta, Bessie Kerr, Nov. Heath, \$3.50.

No. 2. Two each Red May, Burbank, Grayson, Normand, Hale, Golden Beauty, \$3.50.

No. 3. Two each Yel. Transparent, Cole's Quince, Bledsoe, Ark. Black, Mam. B. Twig, Shirley, \$2.50.

No. 4. Two each of Alamo, Summer Beauty, Kieffer, for \$2.75.

No. 5. Six Austin Dewberry and 6 Trinity Early Blackberry, \$1.50.

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### FOR THE FAMILY ORCHARD

We recommend an assortment running through the season, of Peaches, Plums, Apples, Pears, Berries, Grapes, etc.; giving a complete succession of fine, healthful fruit from May to October.

### FOR THE MARKET ORCHARD

It is best to plant only the very best and most reliable money makers, such as **Sneed, Carman, Elberta, Gen. Lee and Ringgold.** In Plums, Red May, Botan, Ark. Lombard, Burbank, Normand, Hytanky, Hale and Golden Beauty. In Apples, Cole Quince, Bledsoe, Jonathan, Ben Davis and Mam. Black Twig. In Pears, Alamo, Duchess and Kieffer. In Grapes, each locality has its peculiar adaptations. In Berries the best money is in Austin's Dewberry, Trinity Early and Dallas Blackberries.

The bulk of the market orchard should be planted with these leading sorts, with a few each of a general assortment added to fill out the season.

### DO NOT PLANT TOO MANY VARIETIES.

Many planters make a mistake here. Select the best, well tried, by our Texas or Southwestern growers, and let the varieties that do not succeed in the Southwest go by, even though they may be old favorites in other climes and conditions. **My stock is up to date, not to be surpassed, and in some respects unequaled for the needs of our Southwestern orchards, yards, parks and cemeteries.**



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**Terms Cash.** Remit by Bank Draft, Express or Post Office Money Order on Sherman. **Packing free, except boxing** at cost of same. Purchasers' selections filled as far as possible. Please state whether similar varieties may be substituted in case of shortage of those ordered.

Claims for shortage or errors must be made promptly on receipt of goods, for correction.

The prices following new or scarce varieties throughout the Catalogue take precedence of the following regular prices as regards those articles.

	Each	100	1,000
<b>PEACHES.</b> Leading varieties. 2 to 3 ft. 1-year . . . . .	\$0 10	\$8 00	\$50 00
"    "    4 to 5 ft. . . . .	20	12 50	75 00
"    "    Extra large. Also those marked* . . . . .	35	20 00	100 00
<b>PLUMS.</b> Leading varieties. 3 to 4 ft. . . . .	20	15 00	120 00
"    varieties. 4 to 5 ft. . . . .	25	18 00	160 00
Extra large trees and those marked* . . . . .	35	20 00	170 00
<b>APRICOTS, ALMONDS and CHERRIES</b> . . . . .	25	18 00	120 00
<b>APPLES.</b> Leading varieties. 2 to 4 ft. Principally 1-year . . . . .	10	8 00	50 00
"    "    4 to 5 ft. . . . .	20	12 00	75 00
Extra large trees and those marked* . . . . .	30	20 00	100 00
<b>PEARS.</b> Standard. 3 to 4 ft. Leading varieties . . . . .	25	20 00	140 00
"    4 to 5 ft. "    "    . . . . .	40	22 50	160 00
Dwarf. 3 to 4 ft. Leading varieties . . . . .	40	20 00	150 00
Extra large size, and all varieties marked* . . . . .	75	35 00	200 00
The Alamo. Finest of all Pears . . . . .	1 25	75 00	
<b>QUINCES and FIGS</b> . . . . .	25	15 00	100 00
<b>MULBERRIES.</b> 6 to 8 ft., 35 cts. each; 4 to 6 ft. . . . .	25	15 00	100 00
<b>JAPAN PERSIMMONS.</b> 3 to 4 ft., 50 cts. each; 4 to 5 ft. . . . .	75	50 00	
<b>PECANS.</b> 1-year, 12 cts. each, \$10 per 100. 2 to 3 ft. . . . .	15	12 00	75 00
A few 5 to 7 ft., 35 cts. each. 3 to 5 ft. . . . .	25	17 00	
<b>CHESTNUTS.</b> Spanish. 2 years, 2 to 3 ft. . . . .	50	25 00	
<b>WALNUTS.</b> English. 2 to 4 ft. . . . .	50	25 00	
Japan. Very stocky. 2 to 3 ft. . . . .	1 00		
Black. American. Small trees half-price. 4 to 5 ft. . . . .	20	15 00	100 00
Black. 6 to 7 ft. . . . .	25	17 50	120 00
<b>CITRUS TRIFOLIATA.</b> (Hardy Orange.) . . . . .	25	15 00	100 00
<b>STRAWBERRIES.</b> Leading varieties. . . . . Doz., 30 cts. . . . .	05	1 00	7 50
Parker Earle. . . . . Doz., 50 cts. . . . .	10	2 00	10 00
<b>RASPBERRIES.</b> Leading varieties. . . . . Doz., 50 cts. . . . .	10	3 00	15 00
<b>BLACKBERRIES.</b> Leading vars. and Lucretia Dewb. Doz., 50c. . . . .	07	3 00	15 00
<b>DEWBERRY.</b> Austin's Improved . . . . .	15	5 00	30 00
<b>GOOSEBERRIES and CURRANTS.</b> . . . . . Doz., \$1.25 . . . . .	15	8 00	
<b>GRAPES.</b> Concord and Ives' Seedling . . . . .	10	6 00	40 00
Goethe, Delaware, Martha, Lindley, Perkins, Champion . . . . .	15	10 00	70 00
Herbemont, Scuppernong, Black Spanish . . . . .	20	13 00	85 00
Triumph, Niagara, Mission, Diamond White . . . . .	25	15 00	100 00
Munson's New Grapes . . . . .	50	30 00	

	Each	100	1,000
<b>SHADE TREES.</b> Sycamore, Elm, Maple, Weeping Willow. 4 to 6 ft.	\$0 20	\$15 00	\$100 00
Sycamore, Elm, Maple, Weeping Willow. 6 to 8 ft. . . . .	30	20 00	120 00
" " " " " 8 to 10 ft. . . . .	40	30 00	200 00
Wier's Maple, Varnish, Bolleana Poplar. 3 to 6 ft. . . . .	50	30 00	
Umbrella China. 3 to 4 ft. . . . .	20	15 00	100 00
" " 4 to 6 ft. . . . .	30	20 00	120 00
All varieties not mentioned above. 4 to 6 ft. . . . .	20	12 00	80 00
" " 6 to 8 ft. . . . .	25	18 00	110 00
" " 8 to 10 ft. . . . .	35	25 00	150 00
👉 Large Shade Trees of various kinds, prices on application.			
<b>EVERGREENS.</b> Golden Arborvitæ. 12 to 18 inches . . . . .	35	25 00	
" " 18 to 24 inches . . . . .	50	35 00	
" " 24 to 30 inches . . . . .	75	50 00	
Rosedale Hybrid, same price as Golden Arborvitæ.			
Chinese Arborvitæ. 1 to 2 ft. . . . .	20	13 00	
" " 2 to 3 ft. . . . .	30	17 50	
" " 3 to 4 ft. . . . .	40	25 00	
Red Cedar, thrifty, nice. 1 to 2 ft. . . . .	20	13 00	
" " 2 to 3 ft. . . . .	25	17 00	
" " 3 to 4 ft. . . . .	30	20 00	
Lawson's Cypress, Pines, Irish Juniper, per foot. . . . .	20	15 00	
Cedrus Deodara, Libanii and Atlantica, per foot . . . . .	50	30 00	
Box (Buxus) and Euonymus, per foot high . . . . .	25	12 00	
California Privet, per foot high . . . . .	10	4 50	
Magnolia grandiflora, per foot high . . . . .	50	30 00	
Mahonia aquifolia and Cape Jasmine, per foot high . . . . .	50	30 00	
Wild Peach, per foot high . . . . .	20	15 00	
<b>ROSES.</b> Monthly and Moss, outdoor-grown, strong . . . . .	50	25 00	
Monthly, 3 to 4-inch pots . . . . .	30	18 00	
Monthly, and other special varieties, marked* . . . . .	75	40 00	
Annual Climbers, strong . . . . .	25	15 00	
<b>BLOOMING SHRUBS,</b> except as noted, strong . . . . .	25	17 50	
<b>CLIMBERS.</b> Honeysuckles . . . . .	25	15 00	
Wistaria, Clematis and Ivy . . . . .	35	25 00	
Silk Vine, Virginia Creeper, Bignonia . . . . .	25	15 00	
<b>ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.</b> . . . . The four, one each, 60 cts. . . . .	20	15 00	
Cannas . . . . . The five best, one each, \$1 . . . . .	25	17 50	
Pæonias and Tiger Lilies . . . . .	25	17 50	
Hyacinths, Tulips, Tuberoses, Gladioli . . . . .	20	15 00	
Chrysanthemums and Geraniums . . . . .	25	15 00	
Asparagus and Sage . . . . .	15	6 00	
Rhubarb and Horseradish . . . . .	15	10 00	

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## H. OFFER

OR, YOU TO PAY EXPRESS OR FREIGHT CHARGES, I will fill your orders to the amount of \$2 to \$10 at the rates per hundred where such are given, or to the amount of \$20 to \$50 at the rate per thousand where such rates are given, delivered at the nursery or securely packed and delivered to forwarders at Sherman. For orders amounting to over \$50 deduct ten per cent from the thousand rates.

## K. OFFER

LOOK AT THIS. TREES AND PLANTS BY MAIL. For orders to the amount of not less than \$1 I will prepay postage or express on small, thrifty one year old budded or grafted trees, cut back to 1 to 2 feet, of peach, apple, plum and such other trees and plants as I have in stock of this size, at the lowest rate per hundred for the several articles selected. Thus 12 peach or apple trees for \$1, and so on. Many planters of best experience prefer the small one year old trees. Try them.

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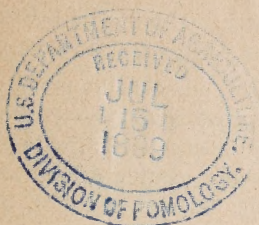
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## SUPPLEMENT FOR 1897-8

contains some valuable acquisitions to our stock, and up to date observations, since getting out our last catalogue. Do not plant too many varieties, many planters make a mistake here. Select the best, well tried, by our Texas or Southwestern growers, let the varieties that do not succeed in the Southwest go by, even though they may be old favorites in other climes and conditions. My stock is up to date, not to be surpassed, and in some respects unequaled for the needs of our Southwestern orchards, yards, etc.

## PEACHES.

**The Triumph.** The earliest yellow red cheeked freestone peach yet introduced. Ripens with Alexander and few days after Sneed. It blooms late and is a sure bearer. Flesh bright yellow and ripens up clear to the seed. Firm, carrying easily a thousand miles by express in good condition. J. H. Hale, the Peach King of Georgia, paid \$500.00 for the original stock. I have the genuine tree 2 to 3 feet, 25c. each, \$15.00 per 100; 4 to 5 feet, 50c. each, \$25.00 per 100.



# Carman.

The Great Texas Seedling Peach. Think of an Elberta in size, appearance and quality, ripening in season with Early Rivers or twelve days after Alexander. Practically frost, rot, and curculio proof, vigorous, prolific, finest- appearance and flavor, with ability to carry in good order, from Texas to New York. Such is THE CARMAN. Having secured the exclusive right to propagate this new peach in Texas from the originators, I am propagating a large stock of it to offer for the first time to be delivered fall of 1897. Price 2 to 3 feet, 50c. each, \$25.00 per 100; 4 to 5 feet \$1.00 each, \$35.00 per 100.

THE ORIGINATORS SAY OF IT: "The CARMAN is large, oblong, resembling Elberta, its probable sister, in fruit and tree, foliage and habit. Color, creamy or light yellow, almost covered with a deep blush, skin tough, resisting rot and curculio. The flesh is creamy, tinted pink, juicy, tender with fine flavor, and parts readily from the stone, or free, when fully ripe. Unlike most very early peaches IT RIPENS EVENLY AND THOROUGHLY TO THE SEED."

The past five seasons in Texas have been very unfavorable for peaches, owing to late frosts, excessive rains causing rot, and extreme drouth cutting off growth and maturity, causing almost a failure of peaches in these years, but THE CARMAN has proven its great superiority by BEARING A FULL CROP in each of these five hard years. In bloom frost proof, in fruit rot proof, curculio proof and drought proof. The original tree has not failed to bear a good crop since its first crop in 1892.

We have shipped the fruit to New York where it remained in good condition for twenty-four hours after arrival. In Kansas City we sold them readily at \$1.00 per pk. box, while other good peaches were selling at 40 to 50c. per pk. In Houston and Galveston we sold them the past season for good prices in a very glutted market. Ripening exactly with Early Rivers, with its fine size, appearance and quality, it is decidedly the finest peach on the markets, easily bringing uniformly good prices, making it the most profitable peach now grown."

Prof. Carman, Ed. Rural New Yorker, of New York, says of it.—"The CARMAN peaches reached me in first-class condition and though fully ripe on arrival, they kept 24 hours longer, when they were eaten. In quality it was found to be first-class possessing a decided aroma characteristic of the Northern Chinese type of peaches to which it belongs. In quality and general appearance it outranks any and everything in the way of peaches to be seen on the New York Markets."

Messrs. Stubenrauch, the originators, say further: "The peach we have named the CARMAN was found bearing in 1892 in our orchards near Mexia, Texas, and appears to be a chance seedling of Chinese Cling. It closely resembles Elberta, (which is also a seedling of Chinese Cling) but is five or six weeks earlier than Elberta, easily the finest peach of the season. After fruiting the CARMAN, we consider it a great boon to Texas fruit growers and have decided to put it into the hands of some reliable nurseryman to propagate and introduce to the public, having heretofore not allowed any trees or buds of it to go out from our orchards."

## COPY OF BILL OF SALE.

MEXIA, TEXAS, Sept. 21, 1896,

For and in consideration of One Hundred Dollars to us in hand paid by Jno. S. Kerr, of Sherman, Texas, we have this day sold to him, the said Jno. S. Kerr one thousand buds and ten young trees of THE CARMAN peach and also exclusive right to propagate the CARMAN peach in the State of Texas, and we hereby bind ourselves not to sell nor dispose of any buds, scions, or trees of the CARMAN peach to any other person in the State of Texas.

J. W. STUBENRAUCH, } Originators of the  
J. STUBENRAUCH, } CARMAN.

## PLUMS.

**Normand.** Strong, upright growing tree, very productive; fruit medium to large, obtusely conical, with heart-like base and a short stem; skin golden yellow, with slight blush—a beauty; flesh firm, meaty, yellow, of high quality; free stone small pit. Ripens just after Abundance; valuable for family or fancy market. Price 35c. each, \$25.00 per hundred.



✓ **Hytankayo.** Strong upright tree, fruit very large, crimson with light bloom, excellent, prolific, one of the finest Japan plums. Ripe July. Price 35c. each, \$20.00 per 100.

✓ **Wickson.** The largest of all the Japan plums. A hybrid between Kelsay and Burbank. Purplish red, finest quality, Has a tendency to bear very young. I had June budded trees of 1896, bloom full in March 1897, only one year old. Ripens just after Burbank. Price 50c. each \$35.00 per 100.

✓ **The Hale Plum.** Of all the Japan Plums this is perhaps the most beautiful and most delicious in flavor, while it is also one of the largest. Originated in California by Luther Burbank who sold the original tree to J. H. Hale of Ga. for \$500. In tree most vigorous, fruit large, orange mottled with cherry red; in quality equal to Imperial Gage, ripens July to August. I have genuine stock from Mr. Hale. Trees 2 to 3 ft., 75c each, \$50.00 per hundred; 4 to 5 ft., \$1.00 each; \$65.00 per 100.

## PEARS.

✓ **The Alamo Pear.** (See catalogue, page 9). The season of 1896 records another great triumph for the ALAMO, bearing its load of 2 1-2 bus. fine pears through the severest drouth for perhaps 30 years. Nothing in the way of pears can compare with the ALAMO in healthfulness, vigor, productiveness, and high quality and fine appearance of fruit. The original tree has its 7th crop on in 1897. Planters are tired of early blooming pears and of poor quality of fruit. THE ALAMO BLOOMS LATE and therefore is a sure bearer, and escapes frozen sap, causing blight. The FRUIT is of finest flavor for dessert or eating out of hand. Those who plant the ALAMO largely are sure of golden profits. I have numerous testimonials on file from high authority witnessing to the great superiority and value of the ALAMO. Price reduced to \$1.25 each, 75.00 per 100.

✓ BASIN SPRINGS, Texas, Aug. 27, 1894.—I have been acquainted with the old Bruce pear tree (now 46 years old) for 24 years. I never have seen any disease or signs of weakness in it. I have seen a wagon bed full of pears on it at one time, say 25 bushels. I don't think it has failed to bear a good crop in 25 years. The fruit is good quality. The seedling pear called the Alamo, grown by Albert Bruce from seed of the old tree, and sold to J. S. Kerr, I have known more or less. The fruit of it is the best pear I ever ate. W. J. Brooks.

✓ **Summer Beauty Pear.** A native Texas pear originated and introduced by Otto Locke, New Braunfels, Texas. The trees are vigorous, healthy, productive, late bloomer, sure bearer. The fruit is large, handsome yellow, with red cheek, sweet, rich, aromatic, pleasant, altogether of fine quality. Ripens latter part of July into August. Price, 75c each, \$50 per 100.

## AUSTIN'S IMPROVED DEWBERRY.

(By Some Called Mayes Hybrid.)



This grand berry was found wild in Denton county, Texas, was selected from among other common dewberries and thus, has proven itself superior for Texas planters to any other berry of its class, enduring drouthy seasons and hot, scorching suns better than all others, succeeding splendidly where strawberries fail. It begins to ripen in North Texas May 10th to 15th. Fifty-three select berries have filled a quart box, while ordinarily it takes 90 to 150 of other berries. Immense in size, fine form, most beautiful glossy black in color, fine flavor and immensely productive. It brings the highest price in market. For the home garden it is full of comfort, luxury and health; for the market gardener it is a SURE MONEY MAKER.

R H. Logan, of the Abilene country, says:

"The Austin Dewberry is the only fruit that could successfully withstand the unparalleled drouths of this country in the past two or three years." The Texas Experiment Station recommends it highly. The New York Ag'tl. Experiment station at Geneva, says: "They are the largest size and of very good quality." The Ga. Experiment station says: "It comes very early, large size and is extremely productive."

I have the genuine plants from headquarters. Price, 15c each, \$6.00 per 100.



## FLOWERING WILLOW.

(Chilopsis Linearis.)

A tall shrub or tree native of Southwest Texas, very vigorous and hardy, blooming profusely all summer from May to October. Thrives in every situation and is perfectly at home amid the hot suns and drouths of the South. The flowers are purplish, peculiarly marked and shaded yellow, 1 to 2 inches long, globular, the lobes delicately crimped and fluted. These flowers are borne in cluster, very desirable. 25c each, \$20.00 per 100.

## EUONYMUS JAPONICA.

(Variegata Aurea.)

This is a beautiful, vigorous variety of the Euonymus, evergreen in habit, the leaves of green beautifully margined with gold. As a specimen or as an ornamental hedge it may be pruned to any desired shape, and is very striking and beautiful. Each 25c, per 100, \$15.00, per foot high.

Other desirable varieties in each class will be found regularly in my catalogue. This supplement is mainly to call attention to newer varieties.

## SPECIAL OFFERS.

For the benefit of those desiring to get a start of the newest and finest varieties we make the following special offers at extremely low prices: Nos. 1 to 4 may be divided taking one each of the several varieties, at half the price of each respective offer, or combine two or more. No. 6 we consider the finest special offer made by any one. It cannot be duplicated.

No. 1. Two each of Sneed, Triumph, Carman, Elberta, Bessie Kerr, Nov. Heath, \$3.50.

No. 2. Two each, Willard, Burbank, Grayson, Normand, Hale, Golden Beauty, \$4.00

No. 3. Two each, Yel. Transparent, Coles Quince, Bledsoe, Ark Black, Mam. B. Twig, Shirley, \$2.50.

No. 4. Two each of Alamo, Summer Beauty, Kieffer for \$4.00

No. 5 12 Austin Dewberry, \$1.50.

No. 6. One each of Triumph, Carman, Normand, Hale, Bledsoe, THE ALAMO, the six finest and best for \$4.00.

For the family orchard we recommend an assortment running through the season, of peaches, plums, apples, pears, berries, grapes, etc.: giving a complete succession of fine, healthful fruits from May to October.

For the market orchard it is best to plant only the very best and most reliable money makers, such as Sneed, Carman, Elberta, Gen. Lee and Ringgold. In plums, Ark. Lombard, Burbank, Normand, Hytankayo, Hale and Golden Beauty. In Apples, Coles Quince, Bledsoe, Jonathan, Ben Davis and Ark. Black. In pears, Alamo and Kieffer. In grapes, each locality has its peculiar adaptations. In berries the best money is in Austin's Dewberry, Early Harvest and Dallas.

The bulk of the market orchard should be planted with these leading sorts, with a few each of a general assortment added to fill out the season.

